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SUBJECT: SHORT FUSE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITS

REFS: (A) STATE 43234 (B) STATE 224333 (C) STATE 224887

1. REFTEL A DESCRIBED THE SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF AVAILABLE HOTEL SPACE EXISTANT IN LONDON THROUGH THE END OF NOVEMBER 1977. IT FURTHER ADVISED OFFICIAL TRAVELERS TO GIVE NOTIFICATION AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE OF NEED FOR ACCOMMODATIONS HERE, AND NOT TO UNDERTAKE TRAVEL TO LONDON UNTIL RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED.
2. THIS SITUATION HAS NOT IMPROVED SINCE THEN. IF ANYTHING, IT HAS GROWN MORE ACUTE.
3. REFTELS B & C ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF NON-ADHERANCE TO THIS POLICY. IN ONE CASE, THE TELEGRAM ACTUALLY WAS RECEIVED IN THE ACTION OFFICE AFTER THE TRAVELER HAD ARRIVED (IT WAS SENT THE EVENING BEFORE ARRIVAL DATE BY PRIORITY PRECEDENCE). IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN LODGING REQUESTED IN THIS MANNER. BOTH TRAVELERS (REFTELS B&C) ARE CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO FIND LODGING ON THEIR OWN, AS ALL HOTELS ARE ADVISING THAT NO RPT NO ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE IN LONDON. THIS TYPE OF SHORT FUSE
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- REQUEST, IN ADDITION TO CREATING PROBLEMS FOR THE TRAVELER PERSONALLY, INVOLVES OUR VISITORS' UNIT DROPPING OTHER PRESSING BUSINESS IN A USUALLY UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO GET ACCOMMODATIONS. IN SHORT, WE ARE HAVING TREMENDOUS DIFFICULTY IN FINDING BEDS FOR OUR VISITORS, DESPITE MANY EXCELLENT CONTACTS WITH HOTEL MANAGEMENT.
4. WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT MANY TRIPS ARE MADE ON

A VERY SHORT NOTICE. CABLE REQUESTS FOR VISITS IN THIS
CATEGORY SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED BY "IMMEDIATE" PRECEDENCE.
ALL OTHERS SHOULD BE SENT AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE.
5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CIRCULATE THIS CABLE TO ALL
DEPARTMENT OFFICES. BREWSTER

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